



NORTHEAST REGION

MISSOURI CAREER GRADES

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Office and Administrative Support Occupations

Projected to have the most annual total job openings

over 1,000

Transportation & Material Moving Occupations

Most grade A and B annual openings

over 900

Computer & Mathematical, Legal, and Building Maintenance Occupations

Grade A and B Jobs Concentration

100%

Career Grades are a tool to help make comparisons between occupations. Each occupation is assigned a letter grade from A+ to F based on outlook over the next decade. **Grades are based on a combination of projected total job openings, projected percent growth, and average wages.** Occupations with a grade of A or A+ have above average results in at least two of the three variables, while occupations with a grade of B or B+ have above average results in at least one of the three variables.

The Northeast region is projected to have more than 7,200 annual job openings through 2030. The vast majority (99%) of these openings are in A, B, and C grade occupations. In general, higher graded occupations earn more and have higher growth rates. Grade A occupations earn an average wage that is 52 percent higher than the average wage for all occupations, and are projected to grow more than six times faster than the average growth rate.

Annual Job Openings and Wages by Career Grades

Grade A

723 Job Openings
\$64,365 Average Wage

Grade B

4,281 Job Openings
\$43,622 Average Wage

Grade C

2,160 Job Openings
\$34,939 Average Wage

Top Outlook Occupation Groups

Major Occupation Group	Total Openings	A & B Openings	A & B Concentration
Transportation & Material Moving	971	924	95%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	937	785	84%
Sales & Related	935	424	45%
Production	653	405	62%
Office & Administrative Support	1,033	329	32%
Installation, Maintenance, & Repair	380	328	86%
Healthcare Support	315	289	92%
Construction & Extraction	348	258	74%
Management	266	251	94%
Building & Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance	225	225	100%
Education, Training, & Library	245	211	86%
Business & Financial Operations	192	172	90%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	223	113	51%
Personal Care & Service	124	95	77%
Computer & Mathematical	67	67	100%

Northeast Top Grade Jobs

Now Typically requires short-term on-the-job training, little to no experience, and/or a high school diploma

Grade	Title	Annual Openings	2020-2030 Growth Rate	Average Wages
B	Fast Food & Counter Workers 🔥	344	7.2%	\$22,494
B	Retail Salespersons 🔥	308	-1.9%	\$26,842
B	Office Clerks, General	253	-4.1%	\$33,753
B+	Laborers & Freight, Stock, & Material Movers, Hand 🔥	247	9.9%	\$28,900
B+	Home Health & Personal Care Aides 🔥	242	9.4%	\$26,755
B	Stockers & Order Fillers 🔥	242	4.0%	\$30,015
B+	Waiters & Waitresses	188	12.5%	\$26,706
B	Janitors & Cleaners, Except Maids & Housekeeping Cleaners 🔥	164	7.3%	\$28,803
B+	Construction Laborers	102	11.0%	\$40,443
B+	Passenger Vehicle Drivers, Except Bus Drivers, Transit & Intercity	82	12.9%	\$32,967

Next Typically requires non-degree certificate, associate degree, apprenticeship, some experience, or moderate-to long-term training

Grade	Title	Annual Openings	2020-2030 Growth Rate	Average Wages
A	Cooks, Restaurant	253	39.2%	\$23,860
B+	Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers 🔥	230	5.3%	\$46,624
B+	Maintenance & Repair Workers, General 🔥	125	4.4%	\$39,643
B	Miscellaneous Assemblers & Fabricators	97	-6.9%	\$36,805
B	First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers 🔥	87	-8.3%	\$40,384
A	Packaging & Filling Machine Operators & Tenders	84	13.4%	\$35,962
B	Bookkeeping, Accounting, & Auditing Clerks	76	-1.8%	\$37,205
B	Welders, Cutters, Solderers, & Brazers	70	7.1%	\$39,790
B+	First-Line Supervisors of Production & Operating Workers 🔥	59	6.4%	\$57,107
B	Teaching Assistants, Except Postsecondary	57	4.5%	\$24,287

Later Typically requires a bachelor's degree or higher

Grade	Title	Annual Openings	2020-2030 Growth Rate	Average Wages
A+	General & Operations Managers 🔥	128	9.2%	\$75,867
B+	Registered Nurses 🔥	69	2.1%	\$59,332
B	Secondary School Teachers, Except Special & Career/Tech. Edu.	67	4.8%	\$42,397
B+	Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education	66	4.4%	\$48,097
B	Accountants & Auditors	36	2.8%	\$58,409
B	Human Resources Specialists	30	7.3%	\$51,597
B	Educational, Guidance, School, & Vocational Counselors	30	7.7%	\$46,329
A	Education Administrators, Elementary & Secondary School	28	4.8%	\$90,531
B	Project Mngmt. Specialists & Business Op. Specialists, All Other	26	1.8%	\$59,126
A+	Medical & Health Services Managers 🔥	20	27.5%	\$106,542

 Flame icon indicates occupations with high numbers of online job ad postings in 2021.

Sources: Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and the Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics (OEWS) program. Occupational projections developed by the Missouri Economic Research and Information Center (MERIC). Lightcast™ Job opening and growth rate data is based on sum of published employment.

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